(c) For 1986-87 an amount of Rs. 63,000'- has budgeted for loans under 'Build your own Housing Scheme'. The allocation is not done region-wise.

Balance of Trade Position

350. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE; Will tha Minister COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) what was the balance of trade position of India during the last three years, years-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the trade gap is widening beyond expectation; if so. what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken to improve India's trade with foreign countries;

(d) whether Government have recently decided to offer considerable incentives for boosting exports; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRl BRAHM DUTT); (a) and (b) The balance of trade posititon of India during 1983-84, 1984-85 and April—December 1985 alongwith the corresponding period of the previous year is as under:—

(Value Rs. Crores)

	India,s Balance of Trade	
1983-84	(—)	5890.85
1984-85	(—)	5318.10
(April—Dec. (P)		
1984	(—)	3599.97
1985	(—)	6211.00

(P) Provisional and subject to revision.

Apart from difficult International economic environment, the decline in our overall exports durine; tlie first nine months of 1985-86 is attributable partly to the fact that tlie exports of crude oil, which had reached a peak level of Rs.1563 crores during the year 1984-85, have virtually stopped after April, 1985 due to development of domestic refining capacity. The exports of crude oil during the first nine months of 1985-86 was only Rs. 135.15 crores.

Apart from bulk commodities like fertilizers and the increase in imports during the first nine months of 1985-86 has been mostly with regard to indus trial raw materials, intermediates and capital goods which are indicative of de velopmental needs of the economy.

(c) to (e) With a view to boost our exports, vigorous promotional measures have befn taken during fhe recent past. these include diversifying our production base, modernising our productive apparatus strengthening of institutional support, modification and periodic revision of our industrial policies, fiscal incentives to exporters, etc.

Settlement of Border dispute with China

351. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA.
SHRI CHITTA BASU: SHRT RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the talks held recently with the Vice-Foreign Minister of China to sort out the border dispute, certain new issues were raised by China; and

(b) if so, what ate the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto and its